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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 06-May-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 05/06/00	Previous Week 04/29/00
Bro-Fry	160,019	156,129
Lt Hens	2,168	2,107
Hvy Hens	1,530	1,494

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 29-Apr- 2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	411	0	411
Last Week	299	0	299
Same Wk Yr Ago	467	18	485
To Date 2000	8,886	50	8,936
To Date 1999	8,377	131	8,508

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,447	1,424	3,871
Last Week	2,329	1,433	3,762
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,614	1,423	4,037
To Date 2000	43,512	23,356	66,868
To Date 1999	45,469	22,926	68,395

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 29-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	152,156 (A)	2,036	1,424	3,460
Avg Wt	5.04	3.38	7.74	5.18
Last Week	146,562	2,030	1,433	3,463
Same Week Yr Ago	153,704	2,147	1,405	3,552
Avg Wt	4.90	3.37	8.17	5.27
To-Date/2000	2,605,489	34,626	23,306	57,932
To-Date/1999	2,551,327	37,092	22,795	59,887

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.0 million head or 0.5 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

### Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 22, 2000

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	26,005	32,289	40,617
Avg Weight	3.71	4.72	6.02
% Of Total /1	26%	33%	41%
Comparisons			
Last Week	30,201	26,507	43,818
Avg Weight	3.80	4.73	5.98
% Of Total /1	30%	26%	44%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	32,773	27,330	47,133
Avg Weight	3.86	4.82	5.97
% Of Total /1	31%	25%	44%
To Date/2000	528,128	507,309	641,436
To Date/1999	525,851	450,473	686,465
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 22-Apr-2000 (Thousand Head)

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,011	17	15	4,043
Avg Wt	25.57	31.82	26.13	25.71
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,905	2	61	4,968
Same Week Yr Ago	6,277	16	45	6,338
Avg Wt	24.46	22.94	27.51	24.48
To-Date/2000	73,427	219	618	74,264
To-Date/1999	73,563	283	514	74,360

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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